WILLIAM G. EBBS.

January 19, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lester, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 526.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 526) for the relief of William G. Ebbs, submit the following report:

This claim was referred to the Court of Claims for a finding of facts, under the terms of the Bowman Act, by the Committee on War Claims on April 20, 1888. The court has reported its findings to Congress, from which it appears that there is due William G. Ebbs, administrator of William Ebbs, deceased, late of Savannah, Ga., the sum of \$1,252.

The findings of the Court of Claims are hereto attached and made a part of this report.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill, with the following amendment: In line 4, after "Ebbs" insert "administrator of William Ebbs, deceased, late."

[House Mis. Doc. No. 91, Fifty-third Congress, second session.]

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE, Washington, February 13, 1894.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court, I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Hon. CHARLES F. CRISP, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 4027. William Ebbs v. The United States.]

This case, being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that William Ebbs, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

[Court of Claims. No. 4027. William G. Ebbs, administrator of William Ebbs, v. The United States.]

TATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 20th day of

April, 1888.
W. Penn Clark, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by John C. Chaney, his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 10th day of April, 1889, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

This case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 22d day of May, 1890.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

5 tierces rice, 3,527 pounds, at 15 cents.	\$529.05
40 bushels potatoes	80.00
10,000 pounds hay, at 2 cents	200.00
nead of cows, at \$50	350,00
1 mule	200.00
175 bushels corn, at \$2.	350.00
7 barrels flour, at \$15.	105.00
1,000 pounds meat, at 20 cents	200.00
1 horse	200.00
750 pounds of tobacco, at \$1	750.00
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The court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT:

A considerable quantity of the claimant's property above described was taken by military authority for the use of the Army in December, 1864, from his residence near Savannah, Ga., and used as quartermaster stores and commissary supplies, though not to the extent set forth in the petition, a portion of the loss being due to the depredations of the soldiers. The fair and reasonable value of so much of the property as was taken by military authority for the use of the Army was \$1,252.

BY THE COURT.

Filed November 3, 1890. A true copy. Test, this 13th day of February, 1894. [SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH. Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.